NEW-YORK, SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 1885.

THE RIVAL CITY COUNSELS.

MR. LACOMBE ENJOINS MR. WOOD. A SPEEDY SETTLEMENT IN THE COURTS PROPOSED

BY MR. KIRK'S APPOINTEE AND ACCEPTED.
Corporation Counsel Lacombe remained behind his entrenchments in The Staals Zeitung Building all. day yesterday. Policemen were on guard within the iron gates that led to his offices in the second story, and these were kept tightly closed. With the exception of a few known personally to Mr. Lacombe or his assistants all applicants for admission were rigidly excluded.

Mr. Lacombe resolved to sustain his position by the aid of the law, and accordingly began a suit against Colonel Edward T. Wood, and obtained from Judge Truax a temporary injunction restrainof the Corporation Counsel's office until the quesof the Corporation Counsels of the Corporation Counsels of the validity of Mr. Wood's appointment should be judicially determined. This action was taken in view of Mr. Lacombe's claim that Mr. Kirk had no Corporation Counsel. authority to appoint a Corporation Counsel. The complaint sets forth that Mr. Lacombe was appointed Counsel to the Corporation on May 31 last, in the place of George P. Andrews, resigned, to fill the vacancy until the expiration of the term. December 10; that he has since been performing the duties of the office, and is recognized as the incambent in law and in fact by the Mayor, the Controller, and other officers of the city that no other person has been appoint-ed, or has claimed to have been appointed, to the office except the defendant; that the defendant on the morning of January 1 intruded upon and attempted to take possession of the office, claiming to have been appointed Corporation Counsel by Mr. Kirk: that any interferporation Counsel by Mr. Kirk: that any interference with cases pending in the office would cause confusion and loss; and that the defendant intends to act as Corporation Counsel. The court is therefore asked to restrain Colonel Wood from intruding into or exercising any of the functions of the office. The order is returnable to-day at 11 a. lb.

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In regard to his reasons for obtaining this injunction Mr. Lacombe said: "I have taken this action in order to prevent any embarrassment to the public business consequent upon an attempt being made actually to possess the office and discharge its functions by two Counsels to the Corporation; simultaneously. The suit was brought under the authority of the case of Foley vs. Palmer. Its immediate effect, I hope, will be to avoid any further need of keeping the office under guard. Colonel Wood has aiready been served with the papers in a suit brought by me to protect the tenure and possession of the office of the Counsel to the Corporation until the question of the validity of his appointment shall have been determined. I have taken this sourse without any purpose other than that of complying with what I understand to be my legal duty in the premises. It is my opinion, and I am advised by connisel of the highest professional standing, that Mr. Kirk, under whose appointment Dolonel Wood claims the office, was without lawful power to appoint any person-to be Counsel, to the Corporation. It, however, it is Colonel Wood's desire to have the necessary steps taken to determine the anestion of the title to this office I shall offer no obstacle to the speedy consideration of such question by the competent authority."

The following letter was received at the office of the Counsel to the Corporation at 5 p. m., just as Mr. Lacombe was leaving it:

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New-York, Jan. 2, 1884.

**Dear Sir: We address you as counsel of Edward T. Wood, esq., and by his authority. As you are aware, he claims that he is the Counsel to the Corporation of the City of New-York. This claim you deny, but you will hardly dispute that Mr. Wood has at least a plausible basis of law to sustain his position. Even the common report that other and equality compensation of members of the bar, which you have published, treat the question as one of considerable doubt, and it is a matter of common report that other and equality compensation of the common report that other and equality compensation who have been consulted by yourself or those in your interest incline to take a view of the law which would sustain Mr. Wood's claim. It is unfortunate that there should be any doubt as to the title to tunate that there should be any doubt as to the title to the office of the chief law officer of the city. It would be unseemly if there should be a prolonged technial intigation as to it. From the action you have taken you seem even to fear that Mr. Wood may resort to violence, or means tending to violence, to obtain possession of the office. He has not and never has had any intention of so doing, for he has too much respect for the high office he claims and for himself. The claim Mr. Wood makes involves no disputed questlons of fact. In his behalf we propose to you to outer into an agreed case under the Code and to present it to the General Term of the Supreme Court, which will meet on Monday. That court will doubtless hear it promptly and from its decision the unsuccessful party can at once appeal to the Court of Appeals, where a final decision can be obtained before the close of January. If this proposition shall be accepted, we will stipulate in Mr. Wood's behalf that until after the final decision he will take no other steps to assert his right to the office.

To E. HENRY LACOMBE, esq. Hugu L. Cole.
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New-Yorks, Jan. 2, 1885.

Dear Sirs:—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this date in which you make certain propositions on behalf of Mr. E. T. Wood, who claims to have been legally appointed Counsel to the Corporation. I entirely concur in the views expressed by you to the effect that it is unfortunate that there should be any doubt as to the title of the office of the chief law officer of the city and that it would be unseemly if there should be a prolonged technical litigation as to it. I am entirely content, upon the conditions offered in your letter, to accept your proposition as to submitting the question upon an agreed case. I apprehend, however, that such an action must be brought by the people and upon the consent of the Attorney-General, and to your application for his consent I shall not offer any opposition. As soon as that consent is obtained by you, I will co-operate in every way in bringing the case to a speedy decision, and I have no doubt that the Supreme Court will deem the question of sufficient public importance to be heard at the prosent term. I am, gentlemen, very respectfully yours,

E. HENLY LACOMBE.

MR. SANGER NOT RECOGNIZED.

MR. WAITE MADE PRESIDENT OF THE ALDERMEN-

"FATTY" WALSH TAKES MR. KIRK'S PLACE. The Aldermen acted more like schoolboys than grave City Fathers yesterday. It began with a wrangle as to who should be president of the Board. Alderman Waite was elected to preside at the meeting on Wednesday in the absence of President Kirk. Just before 1 o'clock, the hour named for calling the Board to order, Mr. Waite slipped into the president's chair, apparently cutting off Adolph L. Sanger, vho was elected president at the November election. Mr. Sanger took a chair beside his more bulky and successful competitor. Mr. Kirk, when he became Mayor, gave up all claim to the office of president of the Board.

Mr. O'Neil said there seemed to be some doubt as to who was president of the Board. There were appare 'v two presidents present. Messrs. Grant, O'Connor and others addressed the clerk, refusing to recognize Mr. Walte as president. Several de-clared that the election of Mr. Walte only held good at the previous meeting. Mr. O'Connor said that the Board must proceed to elect a president pro tem. Mr. Waite did not insist on his right to preside, and directed the clerk to call the roll and see whether a quorum was present. Clerk Twomey did so and then Mr. Grant moved that Mr. O'Connor be made temporary chairman. Mr. Jachne moved as amendment that Mr. Waite be chosen. After considerable wrangling, Mr. Waite was chosen by

Mr. Cleary next moved that Mr. Waite be made permanent chairman. This opened up the [entire matter afresh. Several cited cases where the president of the Board had acted as Mayor and afterward returned and assumed his position in the Board. Reply was made to this that the oath had not been administered as was the case with Mr. Kirk. Mr. O'Connor suggested that they could get out of the difficulty by electing a vice-president, as they could do under the new law. Chairman Waite said that he did not think that would

apply to the present Board. Finally, a vote was had on Mr. O'Connor's resolution and it was lost. Then Mr. Sanger made a slight effort to attract the attention of the Chair, but was not recognized. Points of order were raised and precedents cited for the next fifteen minutes, at the end of which, under the operation of the pre rious question, Mr. Waite was chosen permanent chairman by a vote of 14 to 4. When the vote was announced, Mr. Sanger areas and addressed the Board. He had said impressively "Gentlemen," when Mr. O'Neil interrupted nim and said that while he had the ut-

most respect for Mr. Sanger he could not recognize him as the president of that Board because he helieved him to be the president of the incoming Board. Mr. O'Connor moved that the president-elect be invited to take a seat beside the president and witness the proceedings of the Board.

Mr. Sanger—Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, permit me—The chairman—The Chair cannot recognize you.
Mr. Shelis—I do not see why we should not hear the gentleman who has been elected president of this Board for 1885.

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At length Mr. O'Connor's motion was carried, and then it looked as though the question had been settled and the Board could peacefully settle down to the consideration of general orders. But Mr. Jachne revived the whole question by offering a resolution that Thomas P. Walsh be chosen Alderman from the Ild District to fill the vacancy caused by the appointment of Mr. Kirk as Mayor. Mr. O'Connor said that there was no evidence before the Board that Mr. Kirk's seat was vacant. He moved that the matter be referred to the Corporation Counsel. This was lost. After various motions Mr. Walsh was elected by a vote of thirteen to eight.

Mr. O'Connor read a formal demand by Mr. Sanger for recognition as president. The Board declined to entertain it or send it to the Corporation Counsel for an opinion.

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Just as the Board was about to adjourn a dispute arose between Alderman Wendel and "Paddy" Burns, late sergeaut-at-arms of the Board of County Canvassers, as to the ownership of an umbrella. Mr. Wendel declared that he had been insulted and asked that Burns be removed from the floor. Alderman Sayles said that Burns should be removed. Alderman Patrick Duffy who represents the district from whence Burns comes, said that no one should remove his faithful henchman, and expressed his ability to remove Alderman Sayles. The latter, said he strongly doubted this assertion, whereupon Mr. Duffy advanced toward him. Mr. Jachne interposed and that ended it.

The Board adjourned to Monday.

MAYOR GRACE'S FIRST WORKING-DAY. MANY VISITORS-AN ITALIAN COUPLE MARRIED-

NO APPOINTMENT OF CORPORATION COUNSEL-

Mayor Grace had nearly as many callers yester day as on the day before, the difference being that they came in a throng on Thursday, while yesterday the visits extended over about eight hours. Ex-Mayor Cooper and Robert B. Roosevelt came together and had a pleasant chat with the new Mayor. Charities Commissioners Porter, Hess and Brennau came in a body and asked the Mayor to use his good offices with the Dock Commissioners to have another pier set apart for their use on the East River front. Francis M. Scott, Charles P. Miller, William M. Ivins, C. W. Dayton and others connected with the 'Citizens'" organization called on the Mayor and had long consultations. Fire Commissioner Purroy, Justices White and Power, Senator Daly and many others called. The Mayor was able to do little more than receive visitors, He married an Italian couple, but did not avail himself of his privilege of kissing the bride, only wishing the party a happy New Year. To THE TEIBUNE reporter Mr. Grace extended the same hearty greeting as of old. In response to inquires he said that it seemed natural to be back in the office and once more assume the duties of Mayor.

"Will you make any appointment of Corpora tion Counsel to-day ?" was asked.

"No; 1 see no reason to interfere at present." "You will recognize Mr. Lacombe as the law officer of the city, I suppose."

"Certainly. I have written to him to-day relative to a matter. I see no reason why I should not appoint Mr. Lacombe, but 'I have not done so as yet."

"Do you think the nomination and confirmation."

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"Do you think the nomination and confirmation of Mr. Squire was valid?"

"Yes, I think Mr. Squire has a valid title to the office. The Mayor and Aldermen were not exceeding their power, in renominating and confirming him. They may be punished for contempt in disobeying the infunction of Judge Beach, but that does not affect Mr. Squire, I have not given these matters as much attention as they require, and therefore can only speak in a general way. I am endeavoring to familiarize myself with the actual condition of things and will be able to speak more advisedly in a few days."

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Thomas P. Walsh, who had been elected Alderman to fill the vacancy caused by the promotion of Mr. Kirk to be Mayor, asked to be sworn in. The Mayor said he must first receive the official reso-Intion.

The Mayor appointed S. F. Morris an assistant engineer on the new aqueduct.

ME. SQUIRE TAKES POSSESSION. NO OPPOSITION MADE BY MR. THOMPSON-PLEAS-

Shortly before noon yesterday a carriage drove up to the Chambers-st. entrance of the Department of Public Works. Rollin M. Squire, the new Commissioner, alighted, walked rapidly up to the second floor, past a number of employes, few of whom knew him, and was shown into the private office of Hubert O. Thompson. There were a few words exchanged, and then the reporters were invited in. They were introduced to the new head of the Department by Mr. Thompson, who then said :

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I will repeat to you, gehtlemen, what I have said to Mr. Squire before you came in, that as he has made a formal demand on me for this office I have told him that I have taken advice on the subject from several counsel, some of whom advised me that Mr. Squire has a good and legal title to the office and others that his appointment is fregular and filegal. It is a very difficult matter to find a clear headed lawyer on the day after New-Year's, although [laughing] you, gentlemen of the press, always keep your heads clear. I have, therefore, come to the conclusion not to offer any opposition to Mr. Squire, and shall take great pleasure in introducing to him the various heads of departments, reserving, however, whatever rights I may have in the matter.

Mr. Squire beyond in acknowledgment, of Mr.

Mr. Squire bowed in acknowledgment of Mr. Thompson's courtesy and said:

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I shall assume the office at once and desire to say to
you, sir laddressing Mr. Thompson), that you will afford
me every facility in acquiring information, giving me
the benefit of your experience as far as possible. It will
always be a pleasure to me to consuit you whenever I
am in doubt, and I shall be guided by your advice as far as

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Mr. Thompson—I shall be happy, Mr. Squire, to render you any assistance in my power, reserving to myself, at said before, any rights which I may have. I shall have, by the will of Providence Haughing I, some spare time on my hands in the near future and shall be giad to assist you by any means in my power.

Mr. Squire—I do not wish to hold the office at all if I cannot hold it legally.

The various heads of bureaus were then called in and pre-ented to Commissioner Squire.

Later Mr. Squire was asked if he proposed to make any appointments or changes. He replied that he could not tell yet what he would do. He was nuable to say, until he made a thorough examination of the Department, whether he would make any changes.

WHAT MR. KIRK MIGHT HAVE DONE. DISCLOSURES BY JAMES M, LYDDY-VACANCIES

THAT COULD HAVE BEEN MADE AND FILLED. It is generally believed around the City Hall that James M. Lyddy and his brothers place a high esti-mate upon any services that they may render to the city, and there has been some curiosity to learn what com-pensation would be claimed for the valuable services of William M. Lyddy during his brief alleged term of office, of an hour or so, as chief clerk of Mayor Kirk, if the courts shall decide that Mr. Kirk ever was the Mayor. James M. Lyddy was in his office when a TRIBUNE reporter called yesterday, and in response to an inquiry on this subject he said that neither he nor his brothe had given any thought to the matter. He added that William had taken the office because Mr. Kirk, under the peculiar circumstances of the case, wanted as a chief clerk a man superior to those who generally accept the position, and William could "fill the Lill." His principal function was to be the custodian of the papers relating to the occupancy of the office of Mayor by Mr. Kirk and his appointment of a Corporation Counsel. It was required that the oaths of office of Mr. Kirk, of Colonel Wood and of the chief clerk, and the bonds of their sure-ties, should be filed with the Controller within five days, and this his brother as chief clerk must attend to. Mr. Lyddy next gave an account of what was not done

Mr. Lyddy next gave an account of what was not done by Mayor Kirk, but might have been if he and some others had not advised against it. He said:

"A proposition was yesterday before Mayor Kirk to remove Thomas Costigan from the position of supervisor of The City Record. Under the law as it now stands, Mayor Kirk, Corporation Counsel Wood and Commissioner of Public Works Squire constituted the Board having charge of The City Record, and had the absoute power to remove Mr. Costigan and to appoint some one in his place. The matter was debated at some jength. Robert Sewell, Police _nstice Webic and I deemed it wisest and best not to interfere in the matter, and at our suggestion it was abandoned, and this met the approval of Mayor Kirk. Our position was that Mayor Kirk should fill any existing vacancies, but should not create any for the purpose of filling them. There was a suggestion to appeling a commissioner of jut ors, and also a Park Commissioner in the place of Mr. C. amioliss; but Mayor Kirk deemed it best not to do this, as it would lead to confusion and embarrassment, and would cause considerable litigation and expense. If there had been any doubt at all as to

NO DECISION FROM JUDGE TRUAX. CONSEQUENTLY NO MOTION TO PUNISH MR. EDSON

AND THE ALDERMEN FOR CONTEMPT. Judge Truax was the focus of interest and curiosity yesterday at the Court House. The primary cause of this was the auxiety of lawyers regarding his expected decision upon vacating or continuing the in-junction restraining a gentleman once known as Mayor Edson and the Board of Aldermen in existence at the close of 1884 from nominating, confirming or appointing a Commissioner of Public Works and a Counsel to the Corporation. Connected with this was the question guilty of contempt of court in nominating and confirming Mr. Squire to succeed Mr. Thompson. Should Judge Truax decide to continue the injunction, the opinion prevailed that a motion would be made which might land the Mayor and the Board in durance vile. Charles P. Miller, who is popularly supposed to be carrying the "Citizens' Committee" around in his pocket, attempted early in the day to find out the condition of Judge Truax's mind. The Judge informed the visible head of the "Citizens' Committee" that he would not render his decision yesterday. Thereupon Mr. Miller announced that he would not then make a motion to have the ex-Mayor and the Board of Aldermen declared in contrast.

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W. Bourke Cockran, representing six Aldermen, appeared next on the scene. He chatted with Indge Daly and was just in time to catch Judges Truax and Ingraham as they returned from luncheon, after an hour's interrenum. Mr. Cockran looked eager, Judge Truax appeared interested. Mr. Cockran then said something which induced the Judge to step back and exclaim, as an arm vicorously: "Well, what do you want now I whydid you not wait an hour on Wednesday night and then you might have had the decision!" This statement had a powerful effect upon Mr. Cockran, who evidently did not know whether to take Judge Truax in jest or in carnest, He fluxly took his arm, where che emerged an hour later in an apparently good state of health.

To reporters who requested Judge Truax to state.

MR. CAULFIELD'S POSITION.

George Caulfield, Commissioner of Jurors, yesterday explained to a TRIBUNE reporter why he had taken precautions against a possible effort on the part of Mayor Kirk to remove him from his office and place another man there. He said :

another man there. He said:

I was appointed in 1881 for six years by Mayor Grace, in place of Thomas Dunlap. My term does not expire until 1887. I had reason to suppose that they might send somebody here, as they had threatened like proceedings in the case of the Commissioners of Excise, who were appointed for three years by Mayor Edson, and in whose case there was talk of an entor to make out that their offices were vacant. We supposed from the fact that there were from 150 to 175 policemen at the City Hall that they intended something against this office, and that some one appointed to succrede me might seek to obtain possession through the police. We did not intend to let them in here. During the attenuous prind night we shut the doors and had a doorkeeper in charge, who admitted only those who had a right hore. We were prepared to resist them if they came. We remained here all night, and until Mayor Grace took his place and it was found by the records that he appointment of a Commissioner of Jurors in my place had been made.

A BISHOP TO BE CONSECRATED.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] BALTIMORE, Jan. 2 .- The Standing Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Maryland has almost completed the arrangements for the conse-ration of the newly-elected Eishop, Dr. William Paret, which will take place on Thursday at the Church of the Epiphany, in Washington. The consecrating prelate will be Bishop Alfred Lee, of Delaware, and his assistants will be Bishop Stephens, of Pennsylvania, and Bishop Howe, of Central Pennsylvania. The Church of the Epiphany will be consecrated by Bishop Paret, about ten days after his own consecration.

NEGROES SEEKING GOVERNMENT LAND. IBY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.

RALEIGH, Jan. 2 .- At the Trade-st, depot yesterday in Charlotte, sixty colored people from points along the Carolina Central Railroad took the air lin train for Little Rock. They said that they were going there on the promise made them by an agent that th Government is to give them each forty acres of public land in that State. Investigation shows that at least 100 families have left North Carolina for Arkansas, and that the promise of forty acres has been held out to all of them. There are now half a dozen agents for Western railroads in this State hunting up colored persons and selling them tickets over their several lines.

SHOT DEAD ON THE WAY TO A PARTY.

BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.

RICHMOND, Jan. 2.-Information reached here o-night of the murder of a man named James Reed, b Alleghany County, and of the arrest of three men and one woman. One of the men, named Daniel Lewis, is charged with the murder.

The five persons got off of the Chesapeake and Ohio

train at Callahan's at night to go to a party, and the next day the body of Reed was found near the station with a bullet-hole in his breast. The murder occurred in the mining region, and all of the persons are colored.

HURT IN A SKATING RINK.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] KINGSTON, Jan. 2 .- A portion of the balcony in the roller skating rink at Saugerties fell last nigh ereating a panic among the large crowd which was as-sembled. Several persons were hurt but none fatally.

NO COMMUTATION FOR DR. GOERSEN.

HARRISBURG, Jan. 2.-A special session of the Board of Pardons was held this morning, at which the application for a commutation of the death sentence in the case of Dr. Albert G. F. Goersen, of Philadelphia was considered. All the papers in the case were care fully gone over, but the Board finally refused the appli cation. The crime of which two juries have found him cation. The crime of which two juries have found him guilty was deliberately poisoning his wife, and, as was more than hinted at both trials, his mother-in-law also. Before his arrest Dr. Goersen was of intemperate habits, which, of course, he was not permuted to indulge during his years in prison. In addition to being one of the most exemplary prisoners in Moyamensing he has composed the words and music of several sacred songs, and has also written a medical work said to be valuable.

DANGEROUSLY HURT BY A TRAIN.

BRISTOL, Penn., Jan. 2.-John Fitzsimmons, age thirty, of New-York, while walking on the Pennsylvanta Railroad, near Schenck's Station, Penn., yesterday afternoon, was struck by an east-bound express train and hurled down an embankment. His arms were broken and he had severe internal injuries. He was placed on the train and removed to the Bristol Hospital, where he now lies.

Fitzsimmons lived at No. 70 Market-st. about two Fitzsimmons lived at No. 70 Market at, about two years ago with his aunt. His father died and left him considerable money, which he spent in riotous living, and then went to New-Britain, Conu., where he worked for a time in a steel foundry. He is well educated, but dissi-pated, and nothing has been heard from him at his former home for more than a year.

DYNAMITEURS IN LONDON.

EXPLOSION ON AN UNDERGROUND ROAD. LIGHTS EXTINGUISHED IN TRAINS-PEOPLE PROS-TRATED BY THE SHOCK.

LONDON. Jan. 2.—A dynamite explosion occurred on the underground railway between Gower-st. and King's Cross Station at 9 o'clock this evening The windows of a passing train were shattered and the gaslights extinguished. Beyond this no damage was done. The passengers were greatly terrified, but no one was hurt. The train resumed its

The shock was felt by the people in Euston Road between St. Pancras Church and Judd-st. The railway runs the whole length of Euston Road underneath the roadway. A crowd speedily collected at a vent-shaft at the head of Ossulton-st., from which at the time of the explosion a quantity of smoke issued. As soon as possible after the explotion a number of porters were sent to the spot with lamps and appliances for clearing the line. Up to 1 a. m. nothing was found.

The shock overthrew several way farers on Euston Road. It was with great difficulty that horses on the road were restramed from running away. The gaslights in the Gower-st. station were extin-guished. The ticket collector in the station was thrown from his box, and the engineer working the incandescent electric light machinery was thrown from his seat a distance of three or four feet, landing on his face. The lights in other trains in the tunnel were extinguished by the explosion. The passengers were greatly alarmed, and many women fainted. The Gower-st. platform was literally strewn with forms of persons prostrated by the

INJURY TO RAILWAY TRAINS. LONDON, Jan. 3 .- The houses in the vicinity vere shaken, and the roadway oscillated. Two trains were passing each other at the time of the explosion, and in both the lights were extinguished. Windows were shattered, and extinguished. Windows were shattered, and the framework of several carriage doors was smasned. The green, red and white lights at the front and rear of the trains were extinguished. The ticket collector at the Gower Street Station describes the report of the explosion as sharp and ringing in character, like the discharge of a small piece of field artiflery. The point where the explosion occurred is directly under the road leading to the main entrance of the London and North Western Railway Station. A lady's nose was cut by glass and one gentieman had his side and face and another his wrist cut. These are the only serious casualties reported. All see are the only serious casualties reported. All passengers left the trains at the Gower Street iton. Many of them were in a half-fainting

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Superintendent Williamson of Scotland Yard and the superintendents and inspectors of various districts arrived at the Gower Street station half an hour after the explosion and immediately proceeded down the line. They discovered the signal-box eastward of St. Paneras Church partially wrecked, the signal wire separated and the clock stopped at fourteen minutes past nine. The explosive material could not have been gunpowder, as the surrounding brickwork was not blackened. It must therefore have been either dynamite or gun-cotton. The locality of the explosion is on the north side of the line, midway between St. Paneras Church and Charlton-st. The only clews are a few fragments of paper which were found strewn about the track.

nches. The masonry is more or less damaged for some eight feet all around the hole. The effects of this explosion atmost exactly correspond with those of the explosion at the Praed-st., station fourteen months ago. Both the trains which met at the time and place of the explosion were fairly crowded with passengers. The third class carriages suffered most from the shock. The locomotives of the two trains sustained no damage. The signal-man who had charge of the wrecked signal-box says that the floor of the box was heaved up by the explosion and that of the box was heaved up by the explosion and that he was buff-stunned. Speedily ascertaining that the signal apparatus was sate, he lighted the gas and telegraphed up and down the line. The fact of the meeting of the two trains at the place of the ex-plosion is regarded as accidental. The belief is general that some misercant dropped the explosive with a time fuse natached from an earlier train pro-ceeding to the city. Near the spot the police found

Au Irishaan, Joseph Fennelly, has been arrested at Dudley on a charge of loitering with the purpose of destroying property. He answers the description of one of the men wanted in connection with the London Bridge outrage. He was remainded.

MORE EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS IN SPAIN. TOWNS AND VILLAGES DESTROYED-INHABITANTS

FLEEING.

MADEID, Jan. 2.—Earthquake shocks were again felt at Granada, Malaga, Nerja and Algarrobo Inst night. The panie among the people is unabated. A number of towns and villages have been comeletely distroyed and their inhabitants have deserted them. Many persons sleep in railway car riages. A royal decree has been issued ordering that a National subscription be made for the relief of the sutterers. Public officials will contribute me day's pay each. By this means alone \$200,000 will be raised. The Spanish Ambassadors, Ministers and Consuls in all countries will also open subscrip-

Shocks were again felt at Albama last night. The town is in rains. A panie prevails among the in-habitants of Antequera, twenty-eight miles north-west of Malaga, where shocks have also been left,

THE CONTRIBUTION TO BISMARCK. Berlin, Jan. 2 .- Prince Bismarck, in acby the citizens of Elberfeld, writes a letter stating that the sympathy extended to him shows that the German Nation sees the danger of majorities which are only united in opposition to measures proposed by the Gov erament, and which collapse when called upon to form or support a Government. He says that he will make proposals respecting the disposal of the fund, as he con-siders it impracticable to apply it to provide himself an assistant in the Foreign Office, for whose salary the Reichstag refused to great him a credit.

INCIDENTS IN THE DOMINION.

MEAFORD, Ont., Jan. 2 .- By the breaking of Vain's mill-dam here the great body of water whi held back came sweeping down Front-st., and what was once a fine avenue is now the bed of a river which rushes over an incline into the lower part of the town where a large number of houses have been swept away. A hard large number of houses have been swept away. A hard frost has caused ice to form and somewhat impede the flow of water through the broken dam, but if a strong west wind blows within the next day or two, it is feared that it will blow the waters of the Georgian Bay into the town and sweep the place before it.

St. Johns, N. F., Jan. 2.—In one of the late Orange demonstrations at Markey Comp.

nonstrations at Harbor Grace an Orangeman discharged his gun close to the ear of Dr. McDonald, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Harbor Grace. By a quick side motion of his head the bishop escaped the discharge. An arrest has been made.

FRANCE AND CHINA.

Paris, Jan. 2.-Four men-of-war have been rdered to proceed to Chinese waters to reinforce Ad miral Courbet's squadron.

The Figure reports that a Chinese gunboat, while try-

ing to force the blockade of Formesa, was captured off Tai-Wan-Foo by the French gunboat La Galissoniere, and that fourteen of the crew of the Cainese vessel were

A TURKISH MINISTERIAL CRISIS. Constantinople, Jan. 2.—The Sultan has accepted the resignation of the Grand Vizier. A Minis-terial crisis is threatening.

NEGROES INSTEAD OF WHITE BOYS. [BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

SAVANNAH, Ga., Jan. 2.—The manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company here has created a sensation by discharging the entire force of white messenger boys and substituting negroes. He says they are more reliable and will obey instructions.

A COCK FIGHT STOPPED BY OFFICERS. [BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

PITTSBURG, Jan. 2.—A descent was made on a cock-pit in a barn on the mountain near Derry, Westmoreland County, last evening, and thirty men, including the proprietor, John Stump, were arrested. They were all admitted to ball, which they forfeited. About

seventy-five admirers of this sport were present, including persons from Johnstown, Indiana; Pittsburg and parts of Ohio. The cook-pit was fixed up with cushioned seats. Everybody present had at least two or three chick-ns in bags and it is calculated that there were at least one hundred and fifty fine birds anxiously awaiting their turn. About sixty of the party escaped.

THE HOCKING VALLEY STRIKE.

FEAR KEEPING MANY OF THE MEN FROM RETURN ING TO WORK.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]
COLUMBUS, Jan. 2.—The present situation in the Hocking Valley. briefly stated, is as follows: The majority of the miners are desirous of having the strike ended. They would begin work, but fear, whether there is cause for it or not, prevents them from acting upon their honest conviction. This fear is encouraged by the circulation of vague and ominous rumors. They may have the intended effect for a little while, but the result will not be changed thereby. If a secret vote could be had among the miners of Nelsonville, three-fourths of them would express themselves in favor of beginning work. The same is true of other villages, with the probable exception of Straitsville and Shawnee. A refusal to accept the situation will only cause other miners to be contract to supply their product for as low as 86 cents per ton at the mines to distant markets. They are firm in their conviction that at 50 cents for mining they will coal and be able to keep their mines constantly run-

FOR THE M'DONOUGH TELEPHONE.

New-Haven, Jan. 2.-The United States Telephone Company is preparing to establish lines in New-Haven and elsewhere throughout the State in opposition to the Southern New-England Telephone Company which at present exercises a virtual monopoly of the business. It has a large capital. The system is claimed to be superior to that of the Southern. The manager, George Cov, of the new concern said to night: "The impression has gone abroad that because the Bell Company won the suit tried before Judge Wallace in New-York not long ago, that all opposition to the Bell Telephone Company is useless. This idea is all wrong. Judge Wallace's decision was only against the claim of Drawbaugh to priority of invention for a speaking telephone. Our claims are not based on the Drawbaugh but on the McDonough inventions. Testimony relating to the McDonough-Bell suil's is being taken and the battle in the courts will probably come on early in the new year. There is one suit pending before the United States Court in New Jersey and another in Boston."

A FATAL FIGHT ON HORSEBACK.

Albany, Ga., Jan. 2.-News is just received of a remarkable fight on horseback in Colquitt County in wounded. After a party at a neighbor's house a few nights ago Homer and Elijah Carter mounted their horses for home. As they passed Wright Weekly he cursed them and threatened to follow and shoot out an cursed them and threatened to follow and shoot out an old gradge. They challenged him to do so and he mounted his horse and started into the darkness after them, firing as he weat, his shots being returned. The position of each person was only known by the pistol flashes. Weekly was shot through the brain and his horse bore his dead body back to the hespitable door. One of the Carters was mortally wounded. Some years ago Alfred Carter was assessmed, and his wislow married Weekly against the wisines of the brothers, who have since frequently tried to kill him.

BLOWN TO PIECES IN A POWDER MILL.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] Springfield, Ohio, Jan. 2-The Miami Powder Works, at Goss Station, near this city, blew up at 9 a. m. to-day, causing the instant death of John Ginn, 9 a. m. to-day, causing the instant data of the sample of that grit in the powder produced friction which ignited it. Ginn was the only man in the works. His body was thrown high into the air and blown to fragments which were collected in a sack holding half a bushel.

TO REGULATE DRUMS AND TRUMPETS. BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNG.

New-Haven, Jan. 2.-The cases against the four Salvation Army women who were arrested for pounding a drum in the street were continued in the City Court thirty day to give the Common Council op-portunity to pass an ordinance regulating processions and trampets and drums in the highways. Judge Stud-ley said that if the Council did not desire to regulate the matter, the Court would not legislate for them.

AN OFFICIAL'S ACCOUNTS SHORT.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 2.—General James L. Seifridge, Health Officer under Governor Hoyt, and who was displaced by Governor Pattison, is over \$1,400 short in his accounts. This deficiency the General promised to make good by January 1, but he has failed to do so. Action will be brought to recover the amount.

SUPPOSED MURDER AND ARSON.

(BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.) RALEIGH, Jan. 2.-Last week in Halifax County George Williams and his wife, colored, were burned to death. Their house was burned down before bed-time. Their bodies were found in the asises. Some persons think that the house was set on fire by persons who murdered the couple and then burned the house to conceal their crime.

CAPTURING A CAR BURGLAR.

READING, Jan. 2.—Detective George Clark, f the Philadelphia and Reading police force, to day saw or the ransaction are burglar. John Winch, seated on the bumper of a freight train which was running at the rate of eighteen miles an hour. The officer recognized Winch, boarded the rapidly moving train and arrested him.

TELEGRAPHIC NOTES.

DECISION OF A BETTING CASE

BOSTON, Jan. 2.—A decision of interest to betting men,
was rendered in the Municipal Civil Court to-day. Henry
Menick, a stakeholder, held funds which the defendant
had placed in his hands on the election of James G.
Blaine. The defendant lost his bet but declined to allow
the stakeholder to pay. The plaintiff served a trustee
process to hold the funds in payment of the defendant's
indebtedness. The court discharged the trustee.

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A MEDAL FOR GEORGE WILLIAM CURTIS.
Bostron, Jan. 2.—An order has been given for a gold medal upon one side of which will appear a medallion of Wendell Phillips, with the dates of his birth and death, and on the reverse side the seal of Boston, to be presented to George William Curtis for his eulogy upon Mr. Philips, in this city in April. Mr. Curtis has been advised of this action and has acknowledged the receipt of the communication in a touching and characteristic note.

CHARGED WITH STEALING BODIES.

St. Paul, Mina, Jan. 2.—There is excitement at Cluska. Carver County, over the arrest of Dr. Shillock, charged with body-snatching. Pail Shillock, the doctor's brother, and a fellow-student at the Minneapolis College Hospital, it is alleged have been overtaken by Sheriff Dutoit and a posse and compelled to abandon a corpso which they had in their possession.

THE AGED VICTIM OF BURGLARS,
Wu.Mington, Del., Jan. 2.—The condition of Mrs. Rooney, the old and lonely widow who was choked and totured by burglars in her little hut on Church-st. carry yesterday morning, is more alarming to-day than it was yesterday. Her throat is badly swollen and she can only speak in a whisper.

SHOT BY MASQUERADERS.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 2.—Mrs. Schuntz was shot last night while standing at the window of her house, No. 618 Cherry-st., by some masqueraders who passed under the window and began firing off their revolvers.

SHOT THOS SEVEN PERSONS AT A BALL.

JERSEYVILLE, Ill., Jan. 2.—Cathon County has neither railroads nor telegraphs and at this season of the year is cut off from such communication as is afforded by the river and stage coach, but a courter brings the new that at a bail near Batchtown on Christmas eve, Rube Harrel got hold of a shot-gun and discharged both burrels into the little company, wounding seven persons, two fatally. The murderer mounted his horse and fled f

MR. KINGSLEY'S RESIGNATION

LEAVING THE BRIDGE AFTER 16 YEARS

HIS LETTER SENT TO MAYOR LOW YESTERDAY-BUSINESS REASONS ASSIGNED.

William C. Kingsley, president of the Board of Trustees of the New-York and Brooklyn Bidge, yes-terday retired from the Board by tendering his under any circumstances. When Mayor Low re-turned from the funeral of his sister, Mrs. Pierre-pont, yesterday afternoon, the following letter, which had been received at his office in the morn ing, was placed in his hands:

BROOKLYN, Jan. 1, 1885.

To The Honorable The Mayor, Controller and Auditor of the City of Brooklyn:
GENTLEMEN: I hereby tender you my resignation as a member of the Board of Trustees of the New-York and Brooklyn Bridge. Very respectfully.

WILLIAM C. KINGSLET.

Mayor Low last evening said in reply to the inquiry of a Tribune reporter, that he had received the letter, but had no further information on the sab-

Mr. Kingsley was found at the Brooklyn Club words. "I have sent in my resignation," he said, "and it is irrevocable. My only reason for resigning is that I desire to attend to my private affairs. I have been connected with the Bridge now for sixteen years. I was one of its projectors. I have ceased to be a young man since I first became con-nected with the project. The Bridge is practically finished. I feel that my services are no longer needed and business that has been neglected requires my attention. There is no other cause what-

ever for my sending in my resignation.
"It is probable that the Board will be reduced by a Legislative enactment to a small number of trustees. Perhaps there will be only one or two. I do not wish to stand in the way. A committee of the Board, consisting of the Mayors of the two cities. J. S. T. Stranahan and William Marshall, of Brooklyn, and John T. Agnew and John G. Davis, of New-York, and myself ex officio, as president of the Board, has had under consideration the subject of procuring legislation for this purpose. The trustees will meet a week from next Monday. I am the only one of those originally connected with the Bridge that remians in the board except Mr. Stranahan. He is an old man-seventy-five years old, while I am nfty—and feels interested in occupying a public position which will probably be the last that he will hold while he lives. He is a man of noble impulses and great ability. The Mayor, Controller, and Auditor, who have the appointing power in regard to the trustees of the Bridge, are the persons to act upon a resignation; but mine is irrevocable."

Mr. Kingsley's business is that of a contractor and he has been engaged in some important works. He has great influence in Brooklyn politics as a Democrat and has recently acquired a controlling interest in The Brooklyn Eagle of which he has long been a stockholder. It is reported that he looks for political preferment in the wider field that is opened up for Democratic politicians by the result of the recent National contest. will meet a week from next Monday. I am the only

THE NEW-ORLEANS EXPOSITION.

ANOTHER APPROPRIATION WANTED. ROBABLE INVESTIGATION BY THE SENATE AS TO HOW THE MONEY HAS BEEN EXPENDED.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.1 WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 .- Government officials who have returned to Washington from visits to the New-Orleans Exposition express the opinion that it was opened two months earlier than it should have been, or rather that the managers and exhibitors were at least two months behind in their preparations when the doors were opened. Some of the officials who have shall lend further aid in addition to the \$1,000,000 appropriated at the last session of Congress, the appropriated at the last session of Congress, the managers of the Exposition will be compelled to close its doors at an early date. The amount of the additional and generally spoken of as necessary is \$500,000. There seems to be little prospect that Congress will be willing to grant a further appropriation it asked to do so, at least before there has been a thorough inquiry as to whether or not the first appropriation was properly and judiciously expended. Indeed, there are intimations that the Senate may be moved to institute such an inquiry independently of any application for more money. The unpleasant rumors noticed in The Tribune of December 21, to the effect that a considerable part of the \$1,000,000 appropriated at the last season of Congress indirectly found its way into the treasury of Chairman Barnum's campaign committee, continue to excite comment, and seem to be believed by mer who have privately investigated, them. So far as can be learned, however, vestigated, them. So far as can be learned, however, none of the Exposition officials has thought the rumors worthy of notice, and if anything is to be done to ascertain their trath or falsity it will probably be necessary for the Senate to take the initiative.

MEETING OF THE EXHIBITORS. RAILROADS REFUSING THE USE OF THEIR TRACKS-DELAY IN THE WORK.

NEW-ORLEANS, Jan. 2.-There was a warn discussion at the exhibitors' meeting to-day over the question of transportation to the Exposition, A committee which had visited all the railroad managers reported that they refused to permit the use of their tracks, or to contribute anything toward constructing a road from the city. The Exposition managers had also refused to build a road. The jealousies of the also refused to build a road. The jeatousies of the various railroad lines were said to be at the bottom of the matter. The committee reported in tavor of the exhibitors constructing a road in order to make the Exposition a success. This aroused considerable discussion, and some of the exhibitors became indignant, declaring that it was not their business to build a railroad. The subject was finally recommitted to a committee, and it is thought that the exhibitors will have to build the road if one is constructed. A resolution was passed authorizing the officers of the Exhibitors' Association to join the management in a proclamation to the effect that all exhibits will be placed and the exposition fully open by January 15. It is doubtful, however, if such will be care a The exhibitors presented Mrs. Burke with a carriage as a New Year's present. There were few visitors on the grounds to-day, owing to the cold and the talk of another ear driver's strike. Efforts are being made to prevent another strike. There are 162 carioads of freight now waiting to be unloaded.

The United States Commissioners called on Director-General Burke last night, and in response to their greeting he said that inside of ten days the installation would be completed. Within twenty-four hours every loaded ear from the railroads would be at the Exposition grounds, and inside of one week every foreign exhibit now in the city would be at the buildings. He stated that every nook and corner of the vast structure had been taken up, and that every assurance given the public would be fulfilled. various railroad lines were said to be at the bottom of

TO ATTEND THE COLTON CONVENTION. WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.-It is said at the State Department that a large number of Governments have accepted the invitations to send delegates to the Uni-versal Cotton Convention to be held at New-Orleans on February 10, among them being Great Britain, including India, Ezypt and the English Colonies, Hayti, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway and Sweden, Hawaii and Venezuela.

MRS. GARFIELD'S GOLD MINE.

(BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.) RALEIGH, Jan. 2 .- Mrs. Lucretia Garfield RALEIGH, Jan. 2.—Mrs. Lucretia Garfield owns a gold mine in Stanley County. It is about seven miles from Albemarle, the county seat. Some Northers prospectors spoke of this mine to President Garfield, who in conjunction with a friend, bought the property and appointed an agent to work the mine. The President had a post office established at the mine for the convenience of people living in the neighborhood. It was about the time that the mining operations were getting well under way that the President was shot, but little has since been done at the mine. It was expected that the property would be sold, but Mrs. Garfield concluded to keep the President's share of it in her possession and made arrangements to have the working continued. The mine has been regularly paying Mrs. Garfield a neat Mrs. Garfield has determined upon a trip South, partly for pleasure and partly for business, and one of her eljective points will be her gold mine.

NEW-YORK THIEVES IN NEW-HAVEN.

NEW-HAVEN, Jan. 2.—New-York swindlers stole a bag containing \$300 from Mrs. Jalia A. Brickford's millinery store on Wednesday night. Then one of them went to Williams's shoe store and ordered \$600 worth of goods shipped to Baum & Bernstein, of Meetiden. He took \$75 worth of fine goods in his area. Chained credit for ail, and with his companions are the city.